

Wife of Mayor Finds Job at Home Top Career

When you suddenly find your husband elected mayor of a city of nearly 100,000 persons, what changes in your life can be expected?

There are good changes and some not so good, according to Mrs. Albert Isen, 1504 En-

gracia Ave., whose husband has served as mayor of Torrance for the past three years. On the good side, Mrs. Isen says, are the interesting people you meet.

As the wife of the city's most important representative, she is called upon to accompany him to many important and civic functions.

Organizations in the city, holding their annual banquets, usually include Mayor and Mrs. Isen on their invitation list. And the Isens attend most of these affairs.

On the debit side, the petite brunette declared, her husband's position as mayor certainly curtails the family's personal life.

"We have an extension of the office phone here in the house, and people call at all hours of the day and night, asking for information or assistance," Mrs. Isen declared.

"Al feels he must hold himself in readiness and be available to all who want to talk to him concerning city business," she said.

Home Comes First

"He is so conscientious and throws himself so whole heartedly on the job of being mayor, that I feel my greatest contribution to his career is to provide a good home . . . one in which he can relax when he does have a few free hours."

Mrs. Isen insists her only career is that of a homemaker . . . to which her husband proudly answers "That's enough of a career in itself."

A charter member of the Lioness Club of Torrance, Mrs. Isen has dropped out of other organizations to lend her whole support to her husband's activities and to her home.

During their free evenings at home the Isens like to entertain friends informally.

"We also like dancing, listening to good music and we try to attend all the theater



TASTY DISH . . . Mayor Albert Isen samples his wife's cooking as she awaits his approval of her culinary art. Mrs. Isen, who leads a busy life being the wife of the city's mayor, declares homemaking is her only career. (Herald Photo)

plays in Los Angeles," she stated.

Two Grandchildren

Another favorite pastime of both the Isens is entertaining their two grandchildren.

"We don't get to see them often enough though, as our daughter and her family live in San Francisco," Mrs. Isen disclosed.

She referred to her daughter Lorna who is married to Dr. Mel Rubin. The couple pre-

sented the Isens with two grandchildren, Jan, who is two years old, and Danny, one year old.

Works In Ceramics

To fill in the long evenings when her husband is busy with city meetings and currently campaigning for election as mayor, Mrs. Isen enjoys knitting (she has made seven dresses), ceramics work and currently she is composing a mosaic tile picture.

Sewing is another hobby she soon plans to tackle.

Mrs. Isen, however, is no stranger to the professional world. She served as her husband's legal secretary for a number of years.

"But that was during the depression when Al was just getting started," she adds.

Today she prefers to be a homemaker for what she claims is the "most wonderful man I know."

El Camino to Name Prexy 'Very Soon'

"Interviews with candidates for the position of president of El Camino College are still in progress," Forrest G. Murdock, retiring president, said yesterday.

President Murdock, who announced on Dec. 17 that he was resigning the post to enter retirement, noted that the college board of trustees hopes to complete screening this week.

More than 30 candidates from all sectors of the nation submitted applications for the college office. Interviews with top applicants have been in progress for the past week.

Announcement of the name of President Murdock's successor is expected to come shortly, it was indicated. The new president will assume office on July 1.

President Murdock, who figures prominently in the early planning of El Camino, has been the sole president to date. The college has grown to an enrollment exceeding 9500 during his 11-year term of office.

Board members who are making the selection of President Murdock's successor are Seymour Rayer, Inglewood, president; Dr. Wallace Fraser, Hawthorne, secretary; Foster S. Day, Redondo Beach, vice president, and Hilar C. Ashley of El Segundo and Jack N. Dabbs, Torrance, members.

Plans Okayed For Extension Of Crenshaw

Plans and specifications for the paving and opening of another link of Crenshaw Blvd. in the Palos Verdes area were approved Tuesday by Chairman Burton W. Chace of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

At the same time, the board advertised for bids for the improvement. Plans call for extension of Crenshaw from its present terminus at Palos Verdes Dr. N. to Crest Rd. Grading of the road has already been completed.

According to Chace, the construction of this road will provide an additional access road to the coast and help to alleviate the heavy week end traffic on Palos Dr. W.

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